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District woman sentenced to 21 months in jail for stealing close to \$200,000 from two former employers

--woman sentenced for embezzling money from provider of services for the mentally ill and from a software development company--

WASHINGTON - A District woman, Angalia Moore, of northwest Washington, D.C., was sentenced today to 21 months in prison on the charge of mail fraud, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and Gregory Campbell, Jr., Inspector in Charge of the Washington, D.C. Division, U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Moore, 51, entered her guilty plea on April 2, 2009. Today, she was sentenced in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before the Honorable Judge Ellen S. Huvelle to 21 months incarceration and three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$199,500 in restitution.

According to the sentencing memoranda filed in court, the defendant was the Chief Financial Officer for a company which provided services to the mentally ill. She obtained the job claiming, falsely, that she was a Certified Public Accountant ("CPA") and had undergraduate and master's degrees. While with this company, the defendant stole about \$41,300 by misappropriating refund checks, payable to her employer, and by obtaining possession of checks from the mentally ill or their guardians and trustees paying for their portion of the room and board expenses. The defendant embezzled the money by depositing the checks directly into her own personal bank account without permission or knowledge of the company or the mentally ill or their guardians.

A few years later, Moore gained employment at a software development firm as their controller, treasurer, and, ultimately, their acting Chief Financial Officer. She obtained this employment, again, by falsely representing her CPA status and educational background. While with the software development firm, the defendant again misappropriated a refund check made payable to her employer and she used her position of control over the finances to wire transfer money into her own personal bank account and into accounts which she controlled. The defendant stole additional money by using the firm's debit card for her own expenses, and by filing for

expense reimbursements for expenditures which she did not pay from her own funds. The loss to this firm is approximately \$158,000 for a total loss of \$199,500.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips and Inspector in Charge Campbell commended Postal Inspector and Team Leader Judy Ramos, and her team of inspectors. In addition, they commended the Fraud & Public Corruption Section's Legal Assistants, Paralegal Specialists Diane Hayes and Maggie McCabe, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Virginia Cheatham, who prosecuted the case.

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